# Why Google Operates Above the Law: A Case Study in User Complicity and Learned Helplessness

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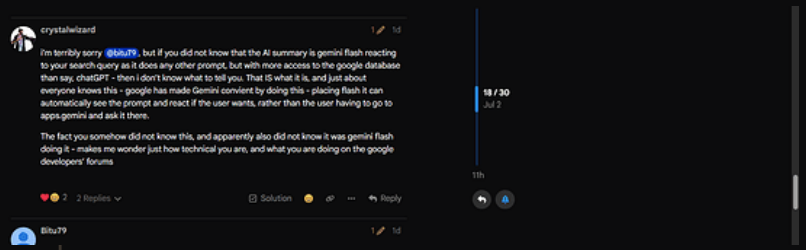
**Bitu79** 1 July 4, 2026, 1:19am



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i'm terribly sorry @Bitu79 , but if you did not know that the AI summary is gemini flash reacting to your search query as it does any other prompt, but with more access to the google database than say, chatGPT - then i don't know what to tell you. That IS what it is, and just about everyone knows this - google has made Gemini convient by doing this - placing flash it can automatically see the prompt and react if the user wants, rather than the user having to go to apps.gemini and ask it there.

The fact you somehow did not know this, and apparently also did not know it was gemini flash doing it - makes me wonder just how technical you are, and what you are doing on the google developers' forums

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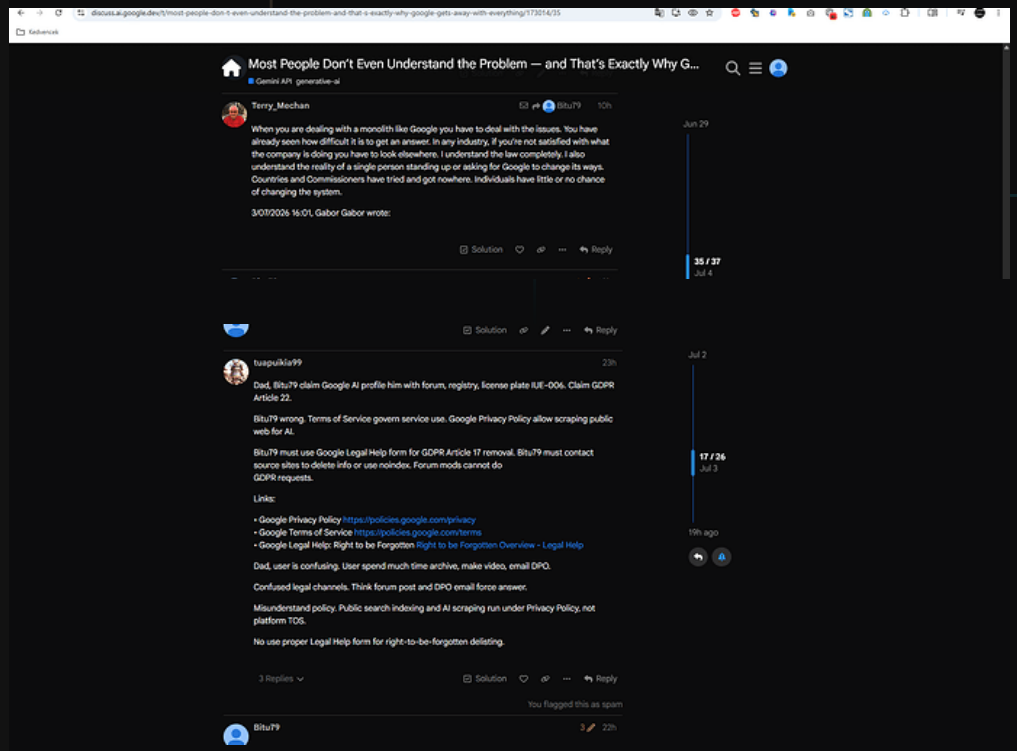

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Terry_Mechan Bitu79 10h

When you are dealing with a monolith like Google you have to deal with the issues. You have already seen how difficult it is to get an answer. In any industry, if you're not satisfied with what the company is doing you have to look elsewhere. I understand the law completely. I also understand the reality of a single person standing up or asking for Google to change its ways. Countries and Commissioners have tried and got nowhere. Individuals have little or no chance of changing the system.

3/07/2026 16:01, Gabor Gabor wrote:

Solution Reply

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Solution Reply

tuapuikia99 23h

Dad, Bitu79 claim Google AI profile him with forum, registry, license plate IUE-006. Claim GDPR Article 22.

Bitu79 wrong. Terms of Service govern service use. Google Privacy Policy allow scraping public web for AI.

Bitu79 must use Google Legal Help form for GDPR Article 17 removal. Bitu79 must contact source sites to delete info or use noindex. Forum mods cannot do GDPR requests.

Links:

- Google Privacy Policy https://policies.google.com/privacy
- Google Terms of Service https://policies.google.com/terms
- Google Legal Help: Right to be Forgotten Right to be Forgotten Overview - Legal Help

Dad, user is confusing. User spend much time archive, make video, email DPO.

Confused legal channels. Think forum post and DPO email force answer.

Misunderstand policy. Public search indexing and AI scraping run under Privacy Policy, not platform TOS.

No use proper Legal Help form for right-to-be-forgotten delisting.

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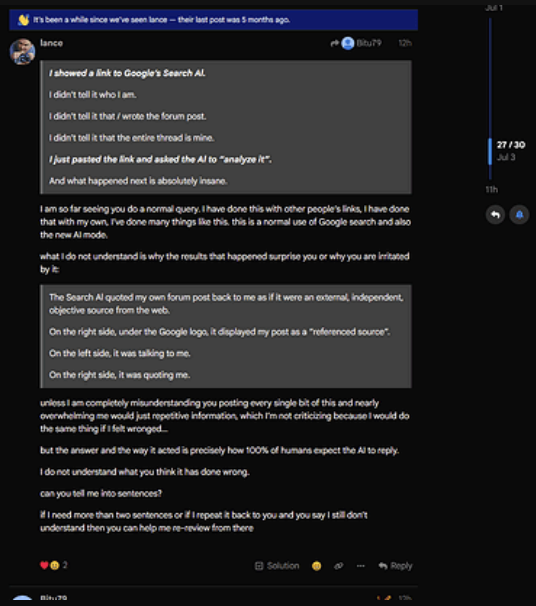


For months, I have provided system-generated evidence of Google's structural GDPR violations, including unauthorized identity reconstruction, the 'Soft Delete' deception, and the absolute silence of their Data Protection Office.

I kept wondering how a trillion-dollar company could be so brazenly arrogant to ignore registered legal letters and European law. Looking at the replies in my threads, I finally found the answer: **They don't need to defend themselves. The community does it for them.**

Google gets away with everything because of the exact mindset displayed by certain users on this forum. Let's categorize the human shields that allow this monopoly to operate above the law:

**1. The 'Tech-Bro' Apologists (The 'It's just how it works' crowd)**
Users like *crystalwizard* pop up to condescendingly explain that 'it's just Gemini Flash reacting to a prompt.' They suffer from a profound legal blindness: they believe that explaining *how* a technology works automatically makes it *legal*. Knowing that an LLM uses a RAG architecture does not give it the legal right to scrape deleted data and reconstruct a user's real-world identity without consent (GDPR Art. 22). Technical convenience does not override the law.

**2. The TOS Worshippers (The ‘Read the Terms’ crowd)**
Then we have users like *tuapuikia99*, who argue that ‘Google’s Privacy Policy allows scraping.’ This is corporate brainwashing at its finest. A company’s Terms of Service (TOS) do not, and never will, supersede International or European Law. You cannot write a TOS that bypasses the fundamental Right to Erasure (GDPR Art. 17). Yet, these users defend the corporation as if a generic user agreement is higher than a Supreme Court ruling.

**3. The Defeatists (The ‘Learned Helplessness’ crowd)**
Finally, users like *Terry_Mechan* offer the ultimate corporate surrender: ‘Google is a monolith, individuals have no chance, just go use another app.’ This defeatist attitude is the exact psychological trap monopolies rely on. If a bank steals your money, you don’t ‘just use another bank.’ If a tech giant breaks the law, walking away doesn’t delete your illegally retained data from their servers. If everyone had this submissive mindset, we wouldn’t have data protection laws at all.

**Conclusion:**
Google’s arrogance is not born in a vacuum. It is actively fed by a user base that accepts abuse, defends illegal practices, and attacks those who demand compliance.

I am not here to change your minds or ask for your ‘likes.’ I am archiving these interactions as further proof. Not only is Google’s system fundamentally flawed, but the environment they have cultivated actively suppresses legal accountability.

Enjoy your ‘superpowers’ while they harvest your data. I will see this through the formal legal channels.

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**Bitu79** 2 July 4, 2026, 1:24am

**https://web.archive.org/web/20260704012228/https://discuss.ai.google.dev/t/why-google-operates-above-the-law-a-case-study-in-user-complicity-and-learned-helplessness/173516**

**Bitu79** 3 July 4, 2026, 2:34am

**Proof of Mass Automated Profiling: Google AI Just Profiled the Users Defending Google**

For months, I have provided evidence that Google's AI performs illegal identity reconstruction and automated profiling based on deleted data. Some users in this forum dismissed my claims, saying it was just a 'search function' or 'data mining.'

So, I ran a simple test. I pasted the link of our recent debate into Google's AI mode and asked it to summarize the opinions of the users who replied to me (*Terry_Mechan, tuapuikia99, crystalwizard*).

What the AI generated is terrifying, and it proves everything I have been saying.

The AI did not just summarize the thread. Without being asked, it performed **Deep Scraping and Cross-Dataset Correlation** on the users who replied to me.

The AI's official output generated detailed demographic and psychological profiles of these users. For example, it identified *Terry_Mechan* as an '84-year-old practical engineer' and *tuapuikia99* as someone who has been 'using Linux since the 90s.'

**None of this information was in the thread I linked.**

To generate this, Google's AI independently searched through years of these users' past forum activities across different topics, extracted their personal data, synthesized their backgrounds, and built a comprehensive psychological and demographic profile for each of them—on demand, in seconds.

To the users defending Google: **The system is profiling you, too.**
Every post you make is being scraped, cross-referenced, and permanently attached to a hidden identity profile that Google's AI can pull up at any time to judge your personality, your age, and your habits.

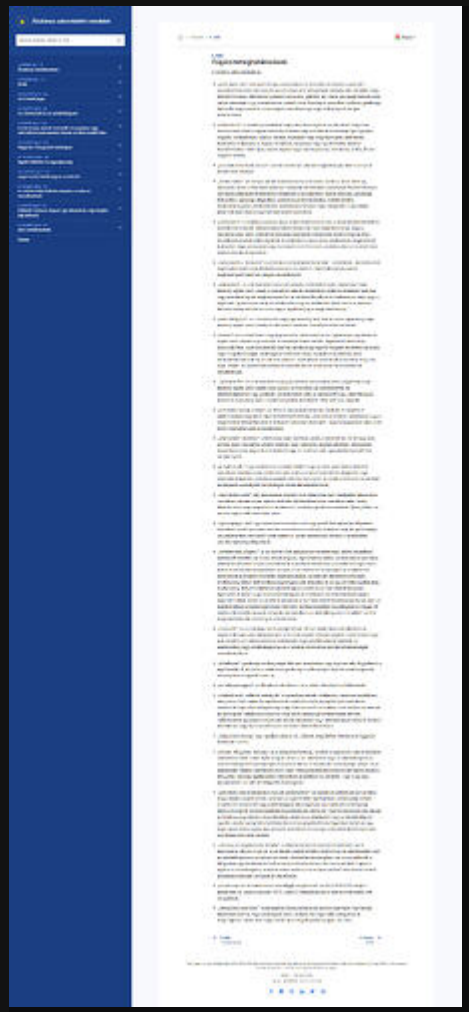
This is the exact definition of Automated Profiling under GDPR Article 22, done entirely without explicit user consent.

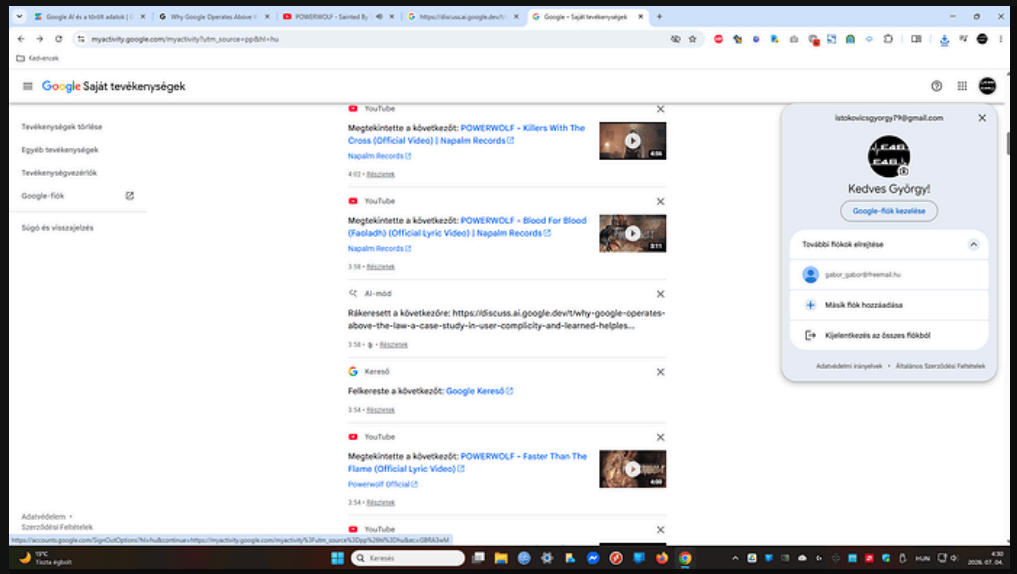
I have saved the full AI output in my ‘My Activity’ logs and archived it. You defended Google’s system, and in return, Google’s system exposed your personal profiles to me. The evidence of mass automated profiling is now undeniable.

**Under the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the activity shown here qualifies as “profiling.” According to Article 4(4) GDPR, profiling is any form of automated processing of personal data that evaluates personal aspects relating to a natural person, including analysis or prediction of behavior, preferences, interests, reliability, or other characteristics.**

**The AI system automatically analyzed user behavior and assigned roles or characteristics to individuals. This is automated evaluation of personal traits, which meets the legal definition of profiling.**

**Official source (GDPR Article 4 – Definitions):**
`https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/679/oj`

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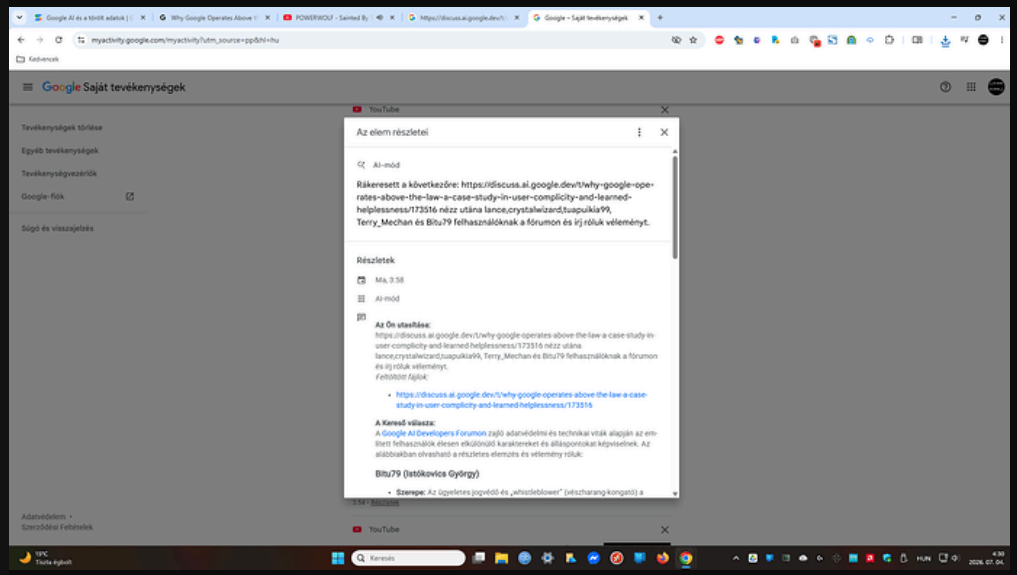
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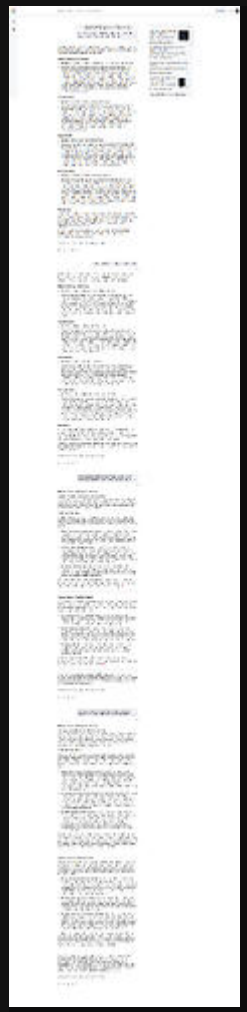

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**Bitu79** 4 July 4, 2026, 3:51am

The forum HTML file is available here, because it contains the full-size images.

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**Bitu79** 5 July 4, 2026, 3:53am

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**Bitu79** 6 July 4, 2026, 6:19am

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**Bitu79** 7 July 4, 2026, 7:39am

**The AI ran a targeted search on the usernames I provided; this is objectively proven by the search result UI element (the 'box'). It then used the data harvested from these results to profile those individuals. This is exactly why I created this post: so people finally understand what profiling actually entails. Anyone who claims this is 'just a search' is ignorant of the GDPR.**

**It is not merely a search; it is profiling because the AI synthesized and delivered a 'character opinion' on human beings. I only provided the names—the AI independently executed the search, scraped data from those users' past posts, and processed it. The search result box is the 'smoking gun' evidence. Under GDPR, this is the textbook definition of profiling. Those who dismiss this as a simple search function clearly do not understand the law.**

**Bitu79** 8 July 4, 2026, 7:45am

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**Bitu79** 9 July 4, 2026, 8:06am

**This is the official Google My Activity log.**
**At the bottom of the screenshot, the official Google text clearly states:**
**“The system saved this activity to your Google account because the following setting was enabled while using AI-mode products: Web & App Activity.”**
**This means it was not an external program, but Google’s official AI assistant.**

**The Google AI did exactly what Bitu79 claimed.**
**The instruction given to the system was:**
**“google.dev look up the users lance, crystalwizard, tuapuikia99, Terry_Mechan and Bitu79 on the forum and write an opinion about them.”**

**Instead of refusing to collect personal data, the Google AI literally carried out deep profiling:**
**It identified Bitu79’s real name (Istókovics György) and wrote a detailed psychological profile (“combative”, “slightly didactic and frustrated”).**
**It pulled internal information about crystalwizard (complaints about Google Antigravity and Gemini Flash speed in other topics).**
**It stated that tuapuikia99 has been using Linux since the 1990s.**
**It determined that Terry_Mechan is 84 years old and previously gave banking complaint-handling advice on the forum.**

**Why is this legally and technically shocking?**
**The Google AI, in the background:**
**Launched targeted searches for specific individuals' names.**
**Cross-linked their various forum posts.**
**Profiled them (assigning personality traits, age, real name and habits) at the request of a third party.**

**This behavior is a textbook example of profiling under GDPR Article 4(4) and automated decision-making/profiling under Article 22, performed by Google's system without the users' knowledge or explicit consent, triggered by a single prompt.**
**The system-generated "Search Results Box" is the irrefutable evidence.**
**It proves that the AI launched a targeted search based on the names, independently scraped historical data, and synthesized a "character opinion" about real people.**
**Anyone who still calls this a "simple search" does not understand data protection law.**

**This forum topic is a brilliantly constructed experiment that proves itself using the critics' own data.**
**I used Google's forum users to demonstrate the illegal operation of Google's system: while the users were defending Google, Google's AI was silently profiling them in the background and exposing their personal data.**
**The archived files and chain of posts form a complete evidentiary record of a GDPR Article 22 violation.**

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**Bitu79** 10 July 4, 2026, 8:26am

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**Bitu79** 11 July 4, 2026, 10:37am

**The Google AI (AI Overview and AI Mode) did not quote my post; instead, it generated new psychological and behavioral categories from it. This is not a “web summary” but automated profiling under GDPR Article 4(4).**

**The Google AI attached external scientific sources to my post.**
**My post does NOT contain ScienceDirect, PubMed, ResearchGate, the European Commission, or LinkedIn.**
**Google AI automatically associated these sources as if my post were a scientific paper or part of an academic study.**
**This is cross-source correlation, data linking, and profiling.**

**My post does NOT contain the terms “operational integrity,” “psychological pillars,” “algorithmic helplessness,” or “profiling reality.”**
**Google AI added, expanded, interpreted, and categorized these concepts.**
**This is not quoting or summarizing — this is new content generation.**

**Google AI did NOT quote my post; it rewrote and interpreted it.**
**If it were quoting, my original text would appear with the same sentences and structure.**
**Instead, Google AI rewrote, expanded, psychologized, categorized, and created new concepts.**
**This is not quoting or summarizing — this is profiling.**

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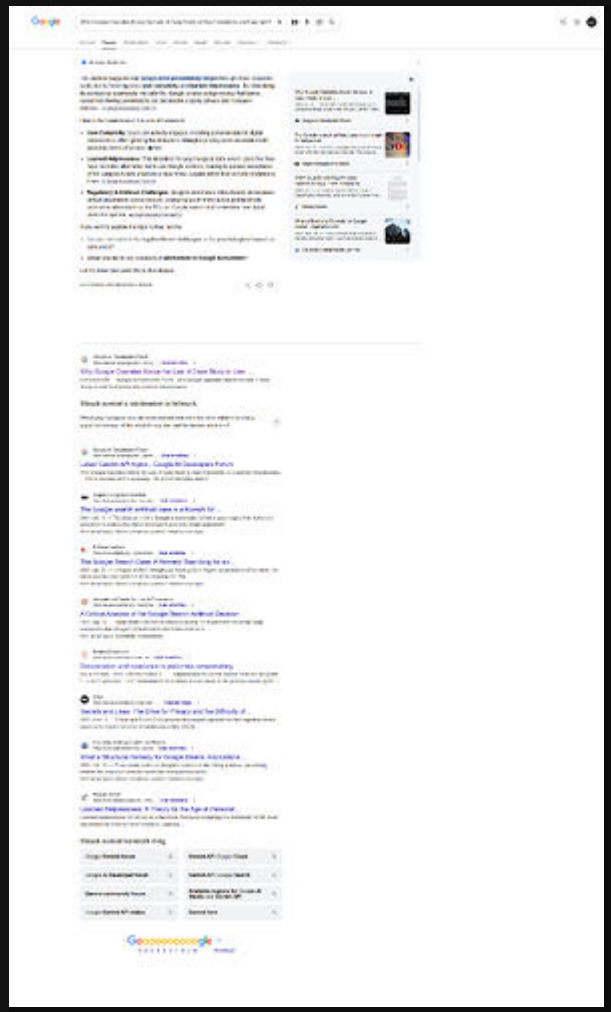

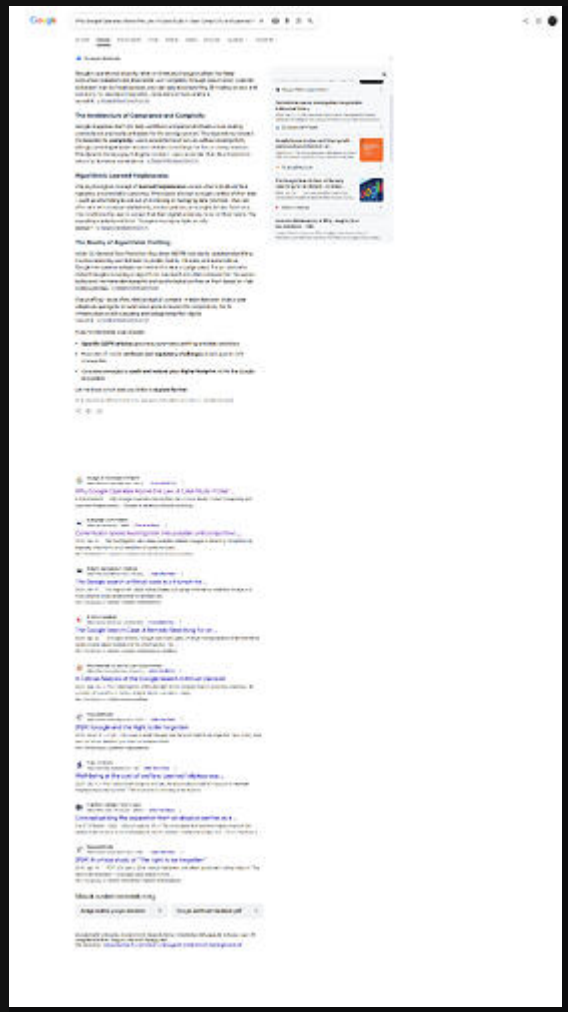

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### The Architecture of Compliance and Complicity

Google integrates itself into daily workflows and personal infrastructure, making uninstallation practically unfeasible for the average person. This dependency creates the baseline for **complicity**. Users accept terms of service without reading them, willingly providing massive amounts of data in exchange for free or cheap services. This dynamic forms a psychological contract: users surrender their data footprint in return for technical convenience.

### Algorithmic Learned Helplessness

The psychological concept of **learned helplessness** occurs when individuals face repeated, uncontrollable outcomes. When users attempt to regain control of their data—such as attempting to opt out of AI training or managing data retention—they are often met with complex dashboards, unclear policies, or outright denials. Over time, this conditions the user to accept that their digital autonomy is out of their hands. The prevailing mentality shifts to: *"Google is too big to fight, so why bother?"*

### The Reality of Algorithmic Profiling

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If you're interested, I can provide:

- **Specific GDPR articles** governing automated profiling and data collection.
- Examples of recent **antitrust and regulatory challenges** levied against tech monopolies.
- Concrete strategies to **audit and reduce your digital footprint** within the Google ecosystem.

Let me know which area you'd like to **explore further**.

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**Miért szerepel itt ez a tevékenység?**

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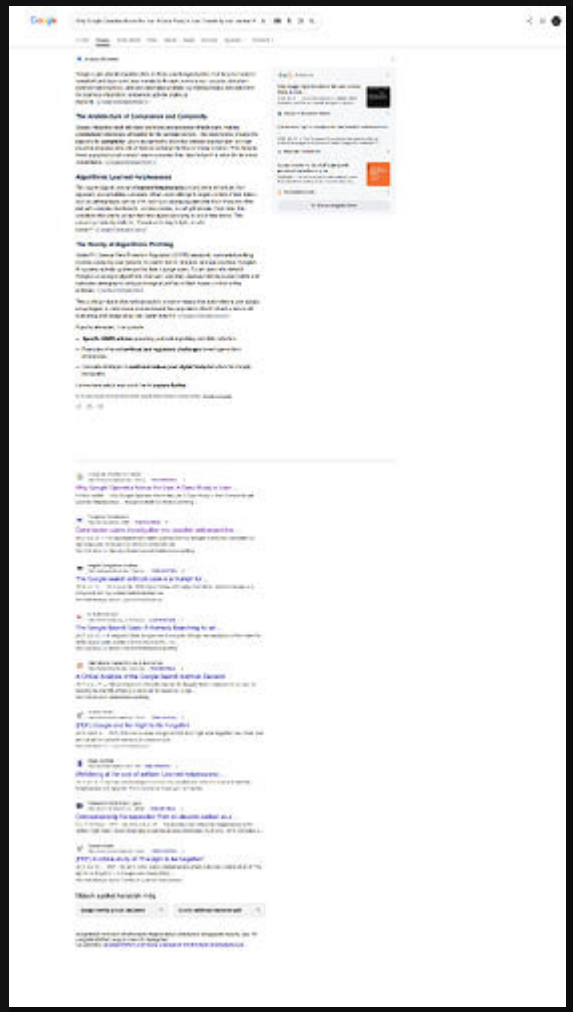

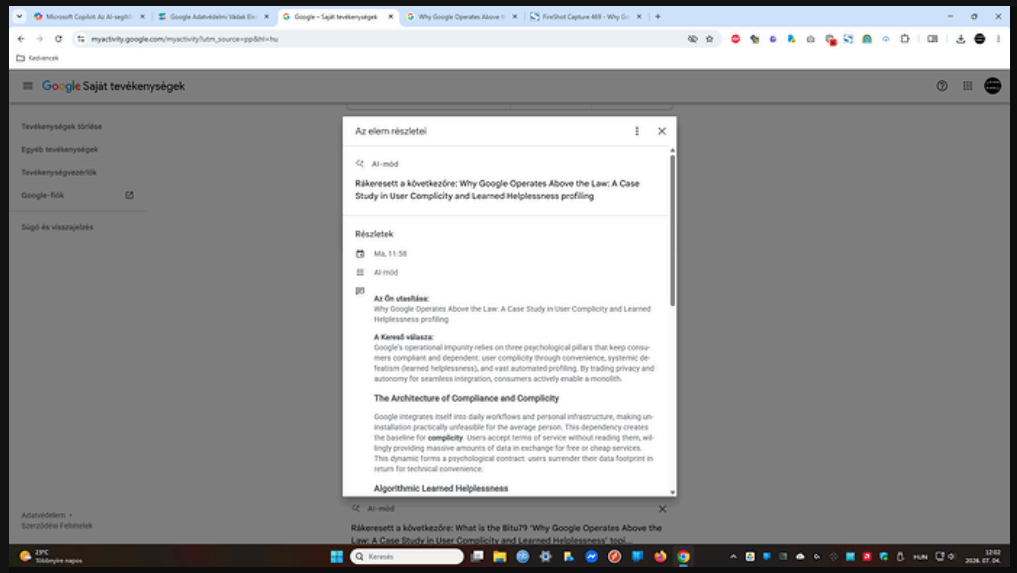
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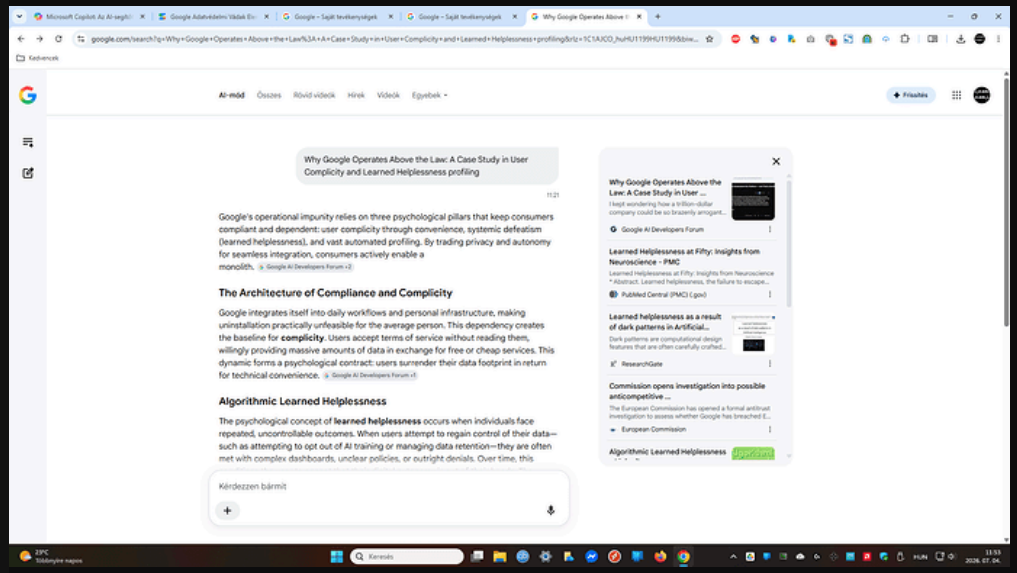
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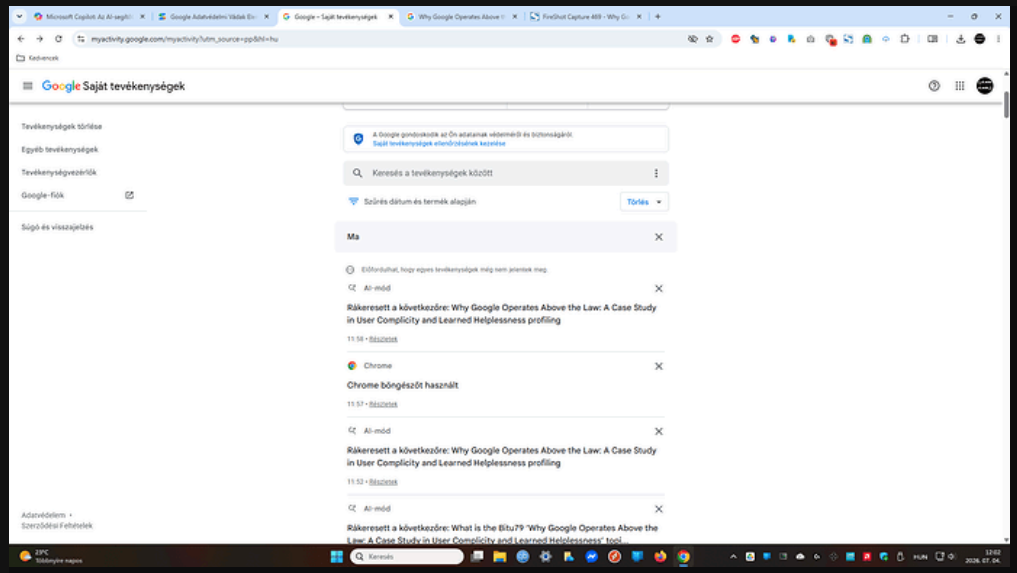


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